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In re Patent Application of:)	
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Brigitte Bathe, et al.)	Examiner: Kathleen Kerr
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For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES CODING FOR THE sigM GENE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2003 was due by February 3, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to March 3, 2004. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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